

## PARTY PLANKS GET APPROVAL AT LABOR MEET

But No Platform Is Adopted At  
Federation Political Session  
—Change Name.

In order to be a power in county elections as well as to give opportunity to grow bigger the name of the Tri-City Independent Labor party was changed Friday night to the Independent Labor party of Illinois and Iowa.

Delegates from the 70 local labor unions affiliated with the Tri-City Federation of Labor and representatives from the Arsenal Federation and the Illinois Shop Men's union did not accept the party platform in their meeting, however.

The platform was read and various changes were recommended. However, the members decided to wait before taking final action. This meeting will be called by Ben Jacobson, president of the tri-city federation, who said today that, as there are so many delegates to be added, he will be unable to announce the date of the meeting until he can obtain a hall large enough to take care of the convention.

**Party Principles.**

However, among the party principles that are said will be approved are the following:

- Initiative, referendum and recall.
- Right of workers to deal collectively.
- A minimum wage based upon the cost of living.
- Public ownership of all public utilities.
- Home rule for cities.
- Equal suffrage in Illinois and Iowa.
- Free speech, free press and free assembly.
- Abolition of power of judges to issue injunctions in labor disputes without jury trial.
- Maximum working week for both men and women and equal pay.

### DRURY

Walter Drury, who spent three weeks at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kleist, returned recently to his home at Webb City, Mo. Lieutenant Drury has spent almost six years in the service, being on the border and recently fought in France, where he was wounded in the knee, causing him to lose his left leg. He was just recently discharged from Fort Sheridan. He will enter school at St. Louis.

Len McGinnis, who was elected commissioner of highways for Drury township has resigned. Frank Parker having been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Plans for the Interchurch World movement canvass have been made to be launched at the Providence church Friday evening. Rev. Rodgers of Muscatine will speak at the meeting, after which a free lunch will be served by the ladies of the church.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From The Argus Files of 1895

April 25—New hitching posts have been placed in front of and on the east side of the Presbyterian church in Milan.

T. B. Davis was elected president of the Illinois State Plumbers' association at the business session of the convention this morning. Mr. Davis was also chosen as a delegate to the national convention of master plumbers to be held at Philadelphia in June.

Travel over the Rock Island bridge yesterday footed up: Foot, north and south, 1,529. Teams, north and south, 1,563.

The Rock Island Ladies' Industrial Relief society received reports of the work done during the month at the regular meeting. Officers for the year will be elected at the meeting next week.

Miss Florence Magill is to direct an entertainment at the Moline auditorium Thursday and Friday under the title of "The Reveries of a Bachelor" for the benefit of the Moline Industrial home.

A large piece of sandstone coping, improperly anchored, fell from above a fourth story window on the west side of the Mitchell & Lynde building about 6 o'clock this morning, considerably disfiguring the iron railing and smashing the stone to pieces. In view of the walk being much traversed and people congregating about the railing, the accident could not have occurred at a more opportune time. The stone was five and a half feet long and 10 inches thick, weighing 550 pounds.

April 26—George Wagner, Jr., and Miss Catherine Cafferata were married in St. Louis, the ceremony being the social event of the day. A reception followed the ceremony, and the wedding trip was in New York, Niagara, Baltimore and Washington.

The engagement has been announced of Dr. J. P. Comerys, of this city and Miss Elsie Thompson of St. Louis.

April 27—The new building of the Rock Island Industrial Home

association is now rapidly approaching completion, and the indications are that it will be in readiness for dedication about the middle of May. The plan is to have a great fair on this occasion opening on the day of dedication with a grand street parade.

The Circle club gave a lawn soiree at the residence of Mrs. G. P. Frysinger yesterday afternoon, serving lemonade, cake and candy, and realizing \$7 for St. Anthony's hospital. The members of the club are: Grace Frysinger, Irma Kohn, Selma Bear, Bessie Hartz, Elmore West, Elsie Siemon, Josie Whisler, Marion West, Blanche Mosenfelder, Bessie Barth, Jennie Collins and Myrtle Gilmore.

H. D. Mack and H. H. Cleveland, as a committee from Everts commandery, left for Boston last evening to make arrangements for the Rock Island delegation, which will attend the Knights Templar convocation there in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wagner returned from St. Louis this morning.

April 29—Professor Clendenen will give an entertainment by his dancing pupils at the Burtis theatre Thursday and Friday evenings for the benefit of the Davenport public library. It will be of a spectacular nature and termed "America," embracing the best local talent.

April 30—Yesterday being the occasion of Mrs. C. H. Seidel's birthday, a number of her friends called in the afternoon at her residence, 1402 Seventh avenue, and completely surprised the hostess. In the evening about ten couples of Mr. and Mrs. Seidel's friends called and again surprised the good people. Progressive euchre was indulged in and an excellent lunch served.

The corner stone of the Broadway Presbyterian church Sunday school annex was laid yesterday afternoon with services commemorative of the occasion, as well as of the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the church.

## HOUSE PLAYING POLITICS OVER SOLDIER BONUS

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bill. So many members of the house who have studied taxation are planning to go before their constituents on a record of opposition to any class legislation whatsoever whether it be for labor or soldiers or any other section of the community. Yet this number is a minority.

The real truth is that if the majority of the house believed the bill just presented to the ways and means committee had a chance of being enacted into law, they wouldn't rush it through so hastily. But the general feeling is that the senate will emasculate the measure and iron it out and that if it is still objectionable, the president would probably veto it, thus making it even more advantageous politically to argue that the Republicans wanted to help the soldiers and the Democrats didn't.

**Time to Repeal It After Election.**

It is to be noted that of all the five plans suggested whereby aid is to be given to the soldiers, none of the cash payment features is to go into effect until next January. Thus if the sentiment of the country in the next election is adverse the measure can be repealed without endangering the chances of those Republicans who must depend on the soldiers' vote at the next election.

Some of the features of the bill do not involve an outlay of much money and are in the main favored by Democrats as well as Republicans. Vocational training is one, home and farm aid and the grant of land out west—all this is possible of accomplishment with only a few million dollars, yet it gives the returned soldier opportunity to make money. On the other hand, the cash bonus based upon the number of days the veteran was in service would mean at least a billion dollars more in taxes and if the new and complicated sugges-

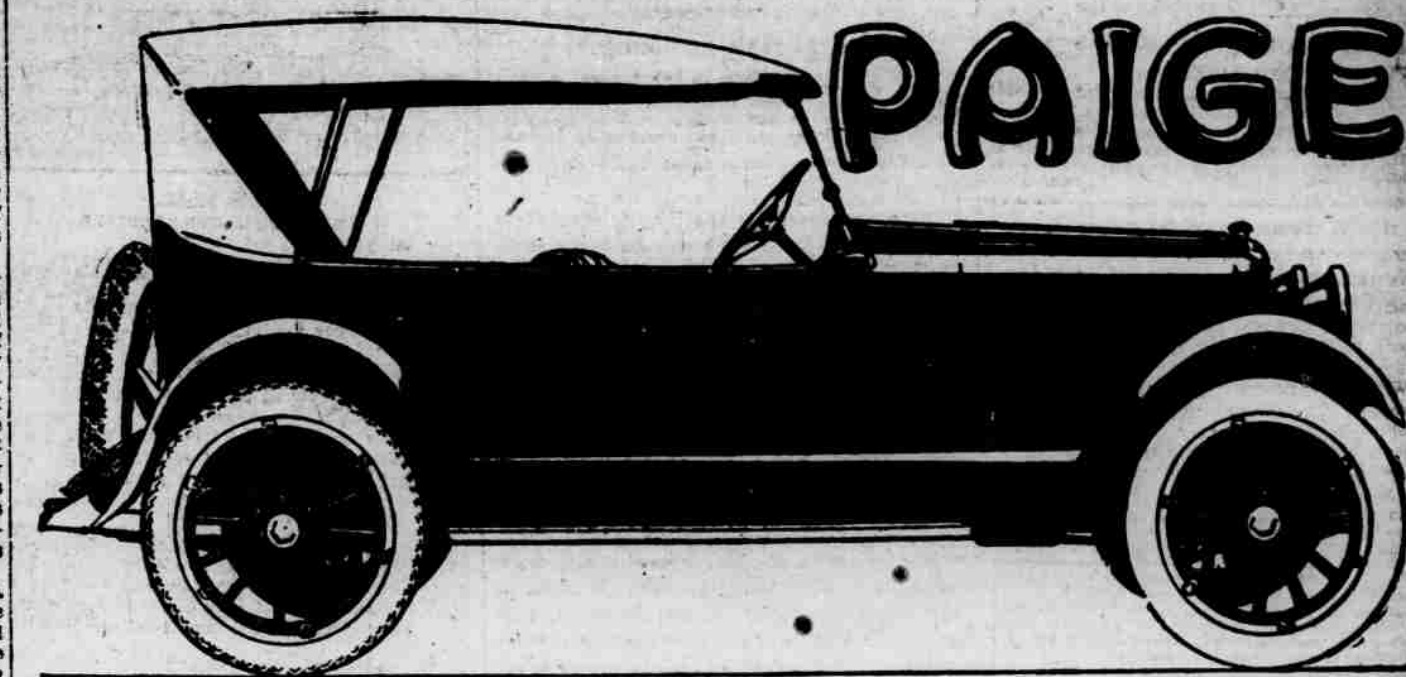
tion for an insurance certificate should go through as written in the present bill, it is estimated that the cost would be nearly \$4,000,000,000. This estimate may be found later to have been exaggerated, but several house mem-

bers insist that the new plan would knock the value out of the war risk insurance system itself.

**House Playing Politics.**

The house of representatives is really playing politics. Tax errors a bonus bill and pass the back to the senate and the president. In that worry.

them out of power in 1918, but the Republicans are so serenely confident that the top of the ticket will pull them through next fall that they are simply determined to pass a bonus bill and pass the back to the senate and the president. In that worry.



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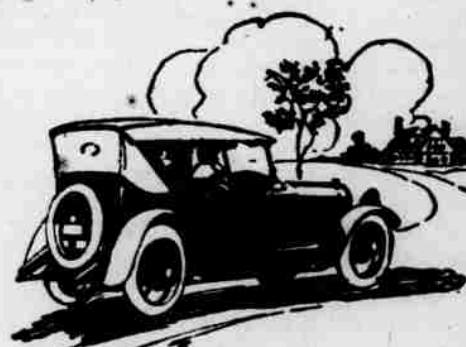
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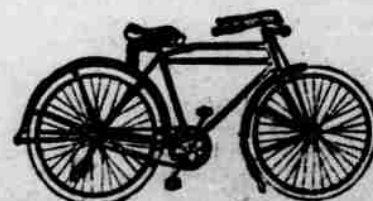
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